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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Ministry of External Affairs and Commenwealth Relations.

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CIRCULAR No. 41

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Foreign Office,
31st May 48.

Admission to Cyprus of persons of Cypriot birth and descent.

Sir,

By the Cyprus Immigration (Amendment) Law No.24 of 1947, the Cypriot Immigration Laws of 1936-1939 have been amended to enable persons of Cypriot birth or descent who have not acquired to nationality of any foreign state since 5th November, 1914, to return to Cyprus.

2. Under the laws referred to above, persons who are "natives of the colony" within the meaning of that expression, as defined in the laws, are permitted to land in Cyprus and are not regarded as prohibited immigrants. The definition of the term "native of the colony" has been amended by the law of 1947 to include -

"any person who, not being recognised by any foreign state as having acquired its nationality on or since 5th November, 1914,

(a) was born in the colony or whose father was born in the colony; or

(b) obtained the status of a British subject by virtue of the Cyprus (Annexation) Orders in Council,1914 to 1943, or by reason of the grant by the Governor of a certificate of naturalisation under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Acts, 1914 to 1943;or

(c) is the wife of a person to whom any of the foregoing paragraphs applies not living apart from such person under a decree of a competent Court or under a deed of separation; or

(d) is a child, step-child or adopted child having been adopted in a manner recognised by law, under the age of eighteen years, of a person to whom any of the foregoing paragraphs applies."

3. Persons falling within the definition of "native of the colony" who already possess British nationality will be able to travel to Cyprus on British passports or other form of British travel document issued in accordance with the normal regulations. The following instructions therefore only apply to persons who do not possess British nationality.

4. Persons falling within the definition of "native of the colony" who do not possess British nationality and who desire to travel to Cyprus under the provisions of the above-mentioned Laws, as amended, may be granted visas for Cyprus if they show to the satisfaction of the Consul that—

(1) they were either born in Cyprus or are of Cypriot descent and

(2) that they have not acquired the nationality of any other foreign state on or after 5th November, 1914.

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Where the applicant is without any form of valid travel document the visa should be affixed to an affidavit in the form enclosed in Foreign office circular T 3670/8/378 of 16th April, 1930. In regard to (1) they should be required to produce documentary evidence , e.g., the production of a birth certificate or a mukhtar's certificate, and in case of doubt reference should be made to the Government of Cyprus for investigation of the claim. As to (2) the travel document or visa fixed to an affidavit will normally be accepted by the Cyprus authorities as evidence that the bearer is without nationality, and it is therefore the ~~respeens~~ responsibility of the Consul to investigate this aspect of the matter thoroughly. (Special arrangements apply at the present time to Egypt, and Consular Officers there have been advised of them through His Majesty's Ambassador.) Moreover all applicants should be warned that they may be refused permission to land if they are unable to satisfy the immigration authorities that they fall within the definition of "native of the colony" set out above and are not prohibited immigrants.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
ERNEST BEVIN

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